

TO GIVE PET PRIZES.

Prizes for the best-kept pets will be awarded boys and girls, under the direction of the Humane Educational Society during the "Be Kind to Animals week," a national move-

ment, from April 12-18. The society is making arrangements for a parade of Boy and Girl Scouts on Monday, April 12, displaying the pets with which they hope to win their prizes. Mrs. Clyde Parker, of Peiham Courts, is arranging for the parade and exhibition of pets.

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W. R. E. MAY CURTAIL MARYLAND SERVICE

President Ham Testifies Lines Must Yield 6 Per Cent Return or Be Cut.

Service on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company running into the State of Maryland will be greatly curtailed unless the Public Utilities Commission sees fit to grant a rate of fare in the District that will yield for the railway company a return of at least 6 per cent on its valuation. William F. Ham, president of the company, told the commission at a hearing in the District building today.

Such a rate of fare would be 8 cents straight, or zone fare, 7 cents first zone, 5 cents second zone. President Ham declared that the lines in Maryland were not self-sustaining, and that the present character of service would not continue if the commission declined to provide a 6 per cent return. He intimated very strongly that there was a possibility of these lines being dropped from the main system of his company.

To Curtail Service.

"The Maryland lines are not self-sustaining," declared Mr. Ham. "They don't pay operating expenses. This condition cannot continue. There is no incentive, with the present low rate of return, to hold these lines as a part of this company. Unless we get relief we will be forced to greatly curtail service."

At this point in the hearing Chairman Charles W. Kutz, of the commission, inquired whether or not the company was enjoying profits from the sale of electric power in these sections. Mr. Ham admitted this and a discussion on this phase of the subject continued for several minutes. Mr. Ham declared the profit was only a "book profit" and not one where the money could be easily obtained for any use the company desired.

Losses in Maryland.

Mr. Ham asked the commission to take into consideration, when discussing the higher fare, the losses sustained annually by the company because it continues to retain these Maryland lines for the benefit of the car riders living in that section. It was brought out at the hearing that a "precise form of measured

service," of which the zone system is a part, would not yield as equal return to both companies. Mr. Ham declared that there were more riders on suburban lines of the Capital Traction Company, when figuring the average number of people riding in a mile on each company, than on the Washington Railway and Electric lines.

"The Capital Traction Company has the dearest track of any street railway company in the United States," said President Ham.

Fare collection boxes will be installed on most of the cars of the Washington Railway and Electric Company by the first of next month. President Ham told the Commission. William McCloy and George A. Ward, Federation of Citizens' Association, together with Jeremiah Connelly, cross-examined Mr. Ham at length. They discussed the effect an increase in electric light rates would have upon the company, provided the sum from this increase would be allowed to go to the W. R. & E.

H. W. Lynn, representing the Brotherhood of Street and Electric Railway Employees, testified in behalf of his association, which has a membership of 850 men. He urged the commission to grant a rate of fare sufficient to enable the company to increase wages.

Helps Company's Case.

He said that even if the brotherhood men did not get a raise they would not strike, but would continue to work, dissatisfied with conditions, however. Mr. Lynn intimated that a strike might result in continued refusal of the company to give higher wages. The strikers would be the new and young employees of the company, he declared.

Mr. Lynn made a good witness for the company, although he was present as a representative of the employees. Mr. Ham stated, during Mr. Lynn's speech, that Mr. Lynn was not speaking for the management of the company.

The zone system was again attacked by citizens. Representatives of Catholic University again opposed such a method of fare collection.

SENATE TAKES UP 50-50 TAX PLAN

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for belief that the Senate, likewise, will vote against increasing taxation or, at least, modify the increase voted in the House.

Mr. Macfarland contended that there is no necessity for an increase in taxes in the District at the present time, though he did not oppose a future increase if the needs of the District warranted it.

He contended that the surplus of unexpected revenues of the District, amounting to \$4,000,000, should be used with a like amount from the Treasury under the half-and-half plan for future needs before any increase in taxes be considered in the future.

Mr. McFarland and Mr. Meyers appeared as representatives of the executive committee of the joint citizens' committee, comprising the Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Citizens' Associations and other organizations.

Hearings on these features of the bill concluded with their testimony today, it was announced later. The District Commissioners will appear tomorrow to take up the general provisions of the appropriations bill with the members of the subcommittee.

Senator Jones of Washington today introduced an amendment to the District appropriation bill inserting the half and half principle for raising revenues and striking out the new House provisions. The amendment was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SONS OF REVOLUTION WILL CONVENE HERE

The triennial convention of the General Society, Sons of the Revolution, will be held in Washington on April 19. It was announced today by the board of managers. Thirty-two State branches are expected to send delegates.

The following have been nominated to represent Washington: Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, Gaillard Hunt, Ernest Wilkinson, Ralph W. Lee, and Reeves T. Strickland.

Favorable reports have been returned by the managers, with regard to extending the organization. The election of the following to membership has been announced: Brig. Gen. William Mitchell, U. S. A.; Lieut. Comdr. Horace D. Rouzer, U. S. N.; Armistead Peter, 3d, John P. Carmody, Gardner L. Boothe, 2d, John W. Childress, Royall O. Kloeber, Selton B. Armat, Floyd W. Taylor, William H. Lamb and French C. Simpson.

The program of the convention will include dinner to the delegates at the New Willard Hotel, at 8 o'clock; addresses by the president general of the organization, James Mortimer Montgomery, the French ambassador, and others. The following day an excursion to Mount Vernon will take place. Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, will address the assembly at the tomb of George Washington.

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ASSAILS ONE-MAN POWER IN SCHOOLS

William T. Galliher at Senate Probe Launches Attack on Van Schaick.

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Dr. Van Schaick, said Galliher, "because of his general bearing toward Thurston, which I considered not only embarrassing to the superintendent, but hurtful to the schools. I asked him whether he had come on the board to do the bidding of some one else, and told him that his attitude toward Thurston was such that I could stand it no longer."

To this Dr. Van Schaick replied as follows, according to Galliher: "This attack of yours is so violent that I think I will report it to the appointing power. I came on the board with an open mind, and not to do the bidding of anyone, although I suppose you are not willing to accept that statement and consider me a consummate ass. Your interest in Thurston makes it impossible to consider the question on its merits."

Defends Superintendent.

To this Galliher stated that he replied that "the Supreme Court Justices may refuse to reappoint me, but they have not the right to terminate my existing appointment."

It was a month later when Van Schaick told Galliher that he had decided not to report the interview to the Justices.

Galliher stated that, in his opinion, Thurston had made an excellent superintendent. He said: "If left undisturbed, Mr. Thurston would fill all the requirements of his place to the satisfaction of the people of Washington. If Van Schaick would just take his hands off and let Thurston have the right of way, all this trouble would not be necessary."

"Van Schaick has established his office in the Franklin School Building and while there, according to what I have heard, has transacted business that belongs to the superintendent."

Voted for Himself.

Mr. Galliher stated that within an hour after Van Schaick took his seat on the Board of Education, he was elected its president.

"When I saw that Van Schaick had voted for himself, I was surprised," he said. "I voted for Ernest H. Daniel, who had been on the board for several years and had a wide knowledge of the schools."

Henry P. Blair spoke in this way about Superintendent Thurston: "Thurston is careful, conscientious, up-to-date, does not run after fads, and shows good judgment. There

has been a steady growth and development of the educational side of the schools under Thurston. The board has every reason to feel that he was himself growing up to the requirements of the place. He required cooperation not a hostile spirit. I think that Dr. Davidson, his immediate predecessor as superintendent, told us he was as good a man as we could get."

Regarding R. C. Bruce, assistant superintendent of colored schools, Mr. Blair said he was "one of the best educated men of his race," but that his term had always been marked by friction. Mr. Blair said that he had no positive views regarding community centers, but that he did not think there was any large demand for them in Washington.

"The school system here is undeniably difficult," he said. "First of all, we have the dual control. Then, we also have the handicap of having anyone with a grievance running to Senators and Congressmen with their troubles."

Mr. Blair stated that he had always favored suffrage for the District of Columbia, and that he believed members of the Board of Education should be elected by popular vote.

INDICT PHONE GIRL IN PAYROLL FRAUD

Grand Jurors Hold War Risk Operator and Sister for Cheating Government.

Marion L. Cox, formerly chief telephone operator at the War Risk Insurance Bureau, and her sister, Kathryn L. Gayton, today were indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to defraud the United States and for destroying Government records.

It is alleged Mrs. Cox carried her sister, Mrs. Gayton, who was an assistant telephone operator at the same bureau, on the payroll while she was absent from duty and represented her to the timekeeper as being on duty. This operation is alleged to have been continued over a period of about six months, and to have enabled Mrs. Gayton to receive pay for services which she never performed.

It is further alleged Mrs. Cox destroyed the time book in which she kept the record of attendance of the telephone operators.

The grand jury ignored charges alleging housebreaking and larceny against Ernest Womack and George Williams, and manslaughter against Charles Jones. It returned fifty-eight indictments, of which twenty-four are for grand larceny and housebreaking, the others being for minor crimes.

RUSS MISSION TO ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 4.—The delegation representing the Russian Co-Operative Societies, which is coming to Eng-

land to confer on the resumption of commercial relations between Soviet Russia and the allies, is due Thursday.

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